

ABSTRACT

[1139] In a method and system for monitoring a control channel in a telecommunication system, the transmission of the overhead parameters is separated from the transmission of the packets that are directed to an access terminal. Consequently, the access terminal may need to monitor a control channel for a shorter period of time if a current message indicates that the received set of overhead parameters is up to date. In this case, the access terminal with up-to-date overhead parameters may stop monitoring the control channel before the end of a synchronous capsule time period. Otherwise, the access terminal may continue to monitor the control channel until an up-to-date set of overhead parameters is received.